

# **SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET**

## **Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services**

*This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the Twelfth Middlesex Representative District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2002.*

### **Residents of Twelfth Middlesex Representative District**

#### **Characteristics of Admissions**

In FY 2002, there were 124,539 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; less than one percent (340) of these admissions resided in the Twelfth Middlesex Representative District.<sup>1</sup> **Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services.** In FY 2002, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from the Twelfth Middlesex Representative District reported the following characteristics:

- 69% were male and 31% were female.
- 56% were between the ages of 30-49.
- 86% were white non-Latino, 6% were black non-Latino, 4% were Latino, and 4% were other racial categories.
- 63% were never married, 14% were married, and 24% reported not to be married now.
- 16% had less than high school education, 49% completed high school, and 36% had more than high school education.
- 38% were employed.
- 14% were homeless.
- 36% had prior mental health treatment.

#### **Primary Substance of Use**

At admission clients also identify a “primary drug” of use that is the substance for which the client is seeking treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the Twelfth Middlesex Representative District.

<b>Table 1</b>					
<b>Primary Drug by District and State FY 2002</b>					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
District	58%	24%	5%	4%	4%
State	45%	37%	6%	4%	3%

#### **Substances Used in Past Year**

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as ‘polydrug’ or ‘polysubstance’ use.

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<sup>1</sup> To protect client confidentiality, statistics representing clients under 17 years of age have been omitted from this fact sheet.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, as well as the prevalence of injection drug users (IDU's), individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

<b>Table 2</b> <b>Annual Admissions by Substance Used: FY 1995 – FY 2002</b>							
<b>Twelfth Middlesex Representative District</b>							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
<b>FY '95</b>	282	223	94	93	50	74	62
<b>FY '96</b>	315	262	107	92	44	81	65
<b>FY '97</b>	345	291	114	98	40	63	42
<b>FY '98</b>	317	261	93	70	30	65	57
<b>FY '99</b>	313	256	77	66	30	89	71
<b>FY '00</b>	346	290	104	73	35	105	87
<b>FY '01</b>	302	241	86	58	33	73	59
<b>FY '02</b>	340	264	84	82	37	100	81